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Governor Perdue Announces Local Road Projects for Paulding County

ATLANTA - Governor Sonny Perdue today released his list of 2006 local road projects – including 9.6 miles for Paulding County – that will be funded through his *Paving the Way Home* transportation initiative.

"These road improvement projects are investments in the communities in this county," said Governor Sonny Perdue. "Local roads account for nearly 84 percent of the state's entire road system. Improving local roads will lead to greater economic prosperity and ultimately a better quality of life for Georgia's citizens."

The 2006 statewide local road projects released today, funded through the Local Assistance Road Program (LARP), total \$60 million, only a portion of the \$234 million that will be a part of Governor Perdue's two year initiative. At a later date, 2007 LARP and State Aid projects will be announced to complete the *Paving the Way Home* initiative.

"The money for these necessary road projects is welcome," said Senator Bill Heath (R-Bremen) who, along with Senator Bill Hamrick (R-Carrollton) represents Paulding County. "Governor Perdue recognizes how important it is to west Georgia that we have good, safe roads for our citizens."

"I know the people of Paulding County appreciate his efforts," said Senator Hamrick. "These improvements will make driving a little easier for us all."

Georgia counties prioritize their transportation improvement needs each year and submit a list to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to determine how much funding they will receive under LARP and State Aid. The 2006 LARP projects were selected from these prioritized project lists.

Road improvement projects for Paulding County are as follows:

Dallas

Griffey Street South Main Street West Foster Avenue

Unincorporated Paulding

Miller Town Road Rosedale Road Smith Ferguson Road Sweetwater Church Road

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Sen. Bill Heath represents the 31st Senate District which includes all or parts of Bartow, Haralson, Paulding and Polk counties. He may be reached at 404.463.1361 or by email at bill.health@senate.ga.gov.

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